Issue of Identity Cards to People Living in Borders of Punjab and Rajasthan

1608. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have advised the Governments of Punjab and Rajasthan to prepare schemes for issuing of identity cards to people in towns bordering Pakistan; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the response of the State Governments thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to include border States of Bihar, West Bengal and Gujarat also in this scheme; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (d) A pilot scheme for issue of identity cards in four selected tehsils in four border districts of Rajasthan has been approved and is in the process of implementation by the State Government. The State Governments of Punjab and Gujarat have also been advised to consider preparation of similar pilot schemes. For the present, such schemes are being drawn for the States on the western borders.

News-item captioned 'Fradulent Import of Raw Silk'

1609. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Fradulent Import of Raw Silk" which appeared in the Impex Times of the 25th January, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details of such licences issued and whether such licences will be cancelled; and

(c) what action Government have taken for penalising the concerned exporters and manufacturers for fradulent imports of silk?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is being investigated and if need be appropriate action would be taken as under the provisions of Imports & Exports (Control) Act, 1947 and the orders issued thereunder.

Indian members of a Multinational Youth Delegation not allowed to Disembark at Karachi

1610. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani authorities did not allow the Indian contingent of a multinational Asian Youth delegation, now on a goodwill mission to various countries, to disembark at Karachi and visit that country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALIERO): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Settlement of border disputes between Assam, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh

1611. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to settle the border disputes between Assam and Nagaland and between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya are maintaining the demarcation of the borders as fixed at the time when these States were districts of Assam; and